GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Urban Poverty
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

WILL the MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:-
(a) whether the headcount ratio of urban poverty has declined steadily over the decades and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the rate of decline is lower than that of rural poverty and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has any data about the urban poverty gap and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the list of States worst affected by urban poverty; and
(e) whether the Government has any scheme/programme to improve the per capita income of urban poverty affected people and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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(a) to (c) As per Poverty Estimates for 2011-12 released by erstwhile Planning Commission the percentage of persons below poverty line in 2011-12 has been estimated as 13.7% in urban areas, 25.7% in rural areas and 21.9% for the country as a whole. The corresponding estimate in 2004-05 was 25.7%, 41.8% and 37.2% respectively and in 1993-94, it was 31.8%, 50.1% and 45.3% respectively. No data about urban poverty gap, however, is available in this Ministry.

(d) The number and percentage of population below poverty line by States 2011-12 is at Annexure.

(e) This Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households by providing them opportunities for earning their livelihoods on a sustainable basis. DAY-NULM comprises seven components viz; Social Mobilization and Institution Development (SM&ID), Capacity Building and Training (CB&T), Employment through Skills Training and Placement (EST&P), Self-Employment Programme (SEP), Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH), Support to Urban Street Vendors (SUSV), and Innovative and Special Projects (I&SP)

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